

Astor Area Chamber of Commerce

Jewel Of The St. Johns River

Scholarship Application 2025

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage high school or home school students to continue their education in any trade, technical school, community college or university. This will also allow students from our school choice zone to benefit from this scholarship without bias.

The Astor Chamber of Commerce Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating past or present senior with outstanding promise living in Astor, Astor Park, Volusia, Emporia, Pierson or Barberville. The scholarship will be awarded to students who are in good academic standing, have a desire to continue their education in a trade school or college, and have leadership in school and community activities.

- Selection of the winners will be made by the Astor Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee. Evaluations are based on application, community service, grades and essays.
- The awarding of scholarship shall be made without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age or physical handicap.
- Scholarship will be award for college tuition and fees.
- Scholarship checks shall be made payable to the institution or, in certain circumstances, as the Astor Chamber of Commerce Board otherwise deems appropriate.
- The Astor Chamber of Commerce Board reserves the right as it deems appropriate including, without limitation, the right to award more than one scholarship in a particular category, the right to refrain from awarding any scholarship in a particular category, and the right to refrain from awarding any scholarship in any of the categories in its sole discretion.
- Applicants must be from Astor, Astor Park, Volusia, Emporia, Pierson or Barberville.
- Students need a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a non-weighted 4.0 scale to qualify for consideration.
- Applications accepted: January 1 - March 31, 2025. Committee selection: April 2025. Awards will be presented on May 20.

Students must submit the following items with their completed application. All items must be received for the application to qualify for consideration.

- A completed application and an essay describing why you are interested in your vocation, how it will serve you and your community, and how it will assist you in attaining your personal goals. Also discuss in your essay any challenges or obstacles you have overcome in life and how this will help you succeed in college and beyond. This essay must be typed, double spaced, and no more than two pages.
- Brief essay describing your community service and the importance of social responsibility. Provide the name of the community service organization, contact name and telephone number. Provide the number of hours per week you spend doing this activity.
- An official high school transcript with grades.
- Application can be sent to astorchamber@yahoo.com or postmarked by March 31, 2025 and mailed to: Astor Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 329 Astor, FL 32102

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| Student Information | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | Date of Birth: (Month/Year) | |
| Student Name: (Last, First, Middle Initial) | | |
| Street Address: | | |
| City/Town: | State: | ZIP Code: |
| Telephone: | Cell Phone: | |

| Parent/Guardian Information | | |
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| Parent/Guardian: (Last, First, Middle Initial) | | |
| Street Address: | | |
| City/Town: | State: | ZIP Code: |
| Telephone: | Cell Phone: | |

| Other Information | |
|---|--------------------------|
| School or College/University You Plan to Attend: | |
| Acceptance Date: | Pending Acceptance Date: |
| Planned Course of Study: | |
| How did you hear about the Astor Chamber of Commerce Scholarship? | |

| Questions, Essay, Transcript & Reference Letter |
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| <p>On separate paper, submit answers on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe an experience or event in the past four years in which you demonstrated leadership skills. Honors and Awards: List any honors or awards you have received over the last four years. Are you currently working? If yes, where do you work and what are your responsibilities? List your extracurricular activities. Please include one non-relative reference letter and one Teacher/School reference letter. <p>Please submit an essay describing why you are interested in your vocation, how it will serve you and your community, and how it will assist you in attaining your personal goals. Essay must be typed, double spaced and no more than two pages.</p> <p>The Astor Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee will make the selection of the winners.</p> <p>PLEASE SUBMIT THE MOST RECENT OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT OF YOUR GRADES.</p> |

| Student Certification |
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| <p>I have personally prepared and signed this application. I certify that all statements regarding my application for this scholarship are true and I believe I am eligible to apply for this scholarship as I live or attend school in Astor, Astor Park, Volusia, Emporia, Peirson or Barberville.</p> |

Student Signature _____ *Date* _____

| Parent/Guardian Certification |
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| <p>I give permission to the Astor Chamber of Commerce to use my name/photo of winner in Astor Chamber of Commerce marketing materials and/or publications should this apply.</p> |

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ *Date* _____